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**Tranquility Peak:** summit; elevation 4,317 m (14,165 ft); in Rio Grande National Forest, in the Sangre de Cristo Range, at the highest point of Kit Carson Mountain (proposed Mount Crestone); the name reflects the tranquility found in the citizens of the community below the summit; Saguache County, Colorado; 37°58'47"N, 105°36'09"W; USGS map – Crestone Peak 1:24,000; Not: Kit Carson Peak.

Proposal: new name for an unnamed feature

Map: USGS Crestone Peak 1:24,000

Proponent: Keno Menechino; Crestone, CO

Administrative area: Rio Grande National Forest

Previous BGN Action: None

Names associated with feature:

GNIS: No record

Local Usage: Kit Carson Peak (mountain climbers and hikers)

Published: Kit Carson Peak (Hayden Survey; USFS 1964, 1967; General Land Office 1934; Colorado State Highway map, 1969; Colorado Mountain Club 1923; Ormes 1952, 1955, 1970; mountain climbing and hiking websites)

Case Summary:

This proposal is to apply the new name Tranquility Peak to the highest peak atop Kit Carson Mountain, which is proposed to be renamed Mount Crestone (q.v.). The 4,317 m (14,165 ft) summit lies between the two other named peaks, Challenger Point (BGN 1985) and Columbia Point (BGN 2003). The proponent of Tranquility Peak, a resident of the nearby community of Crestone and a reporter with the local newspaper, suggests the name would be appropriate as it describes the tranquility found in the citizens of Crestone, the community that sits below the peak. Prior to 1906, the name Kit Carson Peak was the official name of the larger feature, but in that year, the BGN voted to approve a change in the generic from "Peak" to "Mountain" so that the name would more accurately refer to the whole feature not just to one specific peak. Although the 14,165 foot peak in question is officially unnamed, there are numerous older maps, plus mountain climbing and hiking guides and several websites, which identify it as Kit Carson Peak. These range from a Colorado Mountain Club report published in 1923, to a General Land Office map from 1934 and Forest Service maps published in the 1960's. There are no other geographic features in Colorado named "Tranquility."